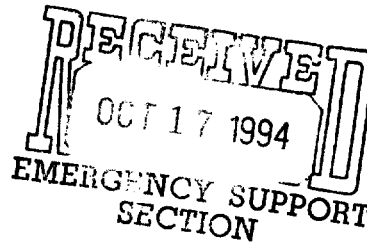


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CERTIFIED MAIL

**Re: Conservation Chemical Company of
Illinois, Inc. Site
Gary, Indiana**


Dear Ms. Beasley:

Recently the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) transmitted a General Notice Letter to the "Buckbee-Mears Company" for the above referenced site. Since Buckbee-Mears is a division of BMC Industries, Inc., we are responding to that letter.

As requested by the above letter, to the extent that BMC Industries, Inc. is considered a responsible party at the above site, BMC is willing to become part of a group of potentially responsible parties which will work in good faith to negotiate an agreement to voluntarily perform or finance response activities at the site and to reimburse the EPA for costs incurred to date in exchange for a release from all claims from EPA, including the opportunity to enter into a de minimis settlement agreement, for the site.

By indicating the above, BMC admits no liability whatsoever for the site and waives no claims, defenses or remedies available to it for the site.

Sincerely,


Michael P. Hawks
Treasurer and Secretary

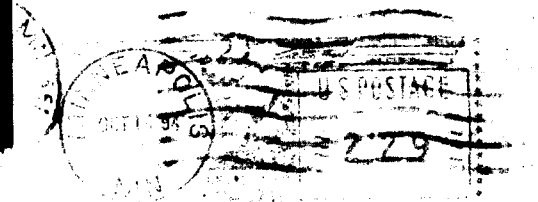
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